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SUBJ: REJECTION OF FALSE CHARGES BY PRESIDENT VELASCO

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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS AND DIRECTOR GENERAL DAVIS

1. APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR DEAN'S ACTIONS TO "DEPLORE AND REJECT" AS BASELESS AND HARMFUL STATEMENTS MADE ON TWO PUBLIC OCCASIONS BY PERUVIAN PRES VELASCO AGAINST ME. I NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR ASKED FONMINISTER DE LA FLOR TO TRY TO SEE THAT THESE FALSE, UNFAIR, AND HARMFUL ALLEGATIONS ARE "NOT REPEATED". I ALSO NOTE THAT THE FONMINISTER WAS NONCOMMITTAL AS TO THE CHARGES MADE AGAINST ME INDICATING

HE WOULD DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER AFTER STUDYING A "DETAILED" REPORT.

2. THE DEPARTMENT KNOWS AS THE GOP MUST KNOW FROM ITS OWN RECORDS THAT THE CHARGE THAT I WAS EXPELLED FROM PERU OR ASKED TO LEAVE PERU IS FALSE IN ITS ENTIRETY. THE FACTS SURROUNDING MY SIX YEARS IN THAT COUNTRY, THE LAST MONTHS OF MY STAY THERE AND MY DEPARTURE WHICH WAS NORMAL IN EVERY WAY (INCLUDING AN OFFICIAL FAREWELL LUNCHEON BY THE NUMBER TWO MAN IN THE FONOFFICE) ARE

WELL KNOWN TO THE GOP AS THEY ARE TO THE DEPARTMENT. FURTHERMORE, EQUALLY KNOWN IS THE FACT THAT I HAVE VISITED PERU ON AT LEAST 16 OCCASIONS SINCE MY DEPARTURE FROM THAT COUNTRY, WITH DIPLOMATIC VISAS ISSUED TO ME EACH TIME.

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3. IN VIEW OF THE EXTREMELY HARMFUL EFFECT OF PRESIDENT VELASCO'S CHARGES, NOT ONLY TO THEIR PRESENT IMPACT BUT ALSO AS TO THEIR ADVERSE IMPLICATIONS FOR ME IN THE FUTURE IN CONNECTION WITH ANY TRAVEL OR PERSONAL INTERESTS I MIGHT HAVE IN LATIN AMERICA, I MUST ASK AGAIN THAT THE DEPARTMENT NOT ACCEPT AS SATISFACTORY ANY PRIVATE AGREEMENT, SHOULD THAT BE FORTHCOMING, THAT THE CHARGES WERE IN ERROR BUT TAKE STEPS TO SEE THAT THE PUBLIC RECORD IS CORRECTED. THIS MEANS TO ASK THE PERUVIANS NOT ONLY NOT TO REPEAT THE CHARGES BUT TO TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO DO ME JUSTICE BY CORRECTING THE PUBLIC RECORD. MOREOVER, IT MEANS THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD IN MY CASE, AS IT HAS RECENTLY DONE IN THE CASES OF AMBASSADORS DAVIS AND SCHLAUDEMANN WHO WERE ALSO VICTIMIZED BY SIMILARLY UNFAIR AND DAMAGING ALLEGATIONS, MAKE A CLEAR, HIGH-LEVEL, PUBLIC STATEMENT IN MY DEFENSE, INCLUDING THE FACT THAT I HAVE NEVER BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE CIA. I SPECIFICALLY ASK THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS, WHO DID NOT FIND OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE UP THIS MATTER WITH PRESIDENT VELASCO WHEN HE LAST VISITED PERU, DO SO ON OCCASION OF HIS FORTHCOMING TOUR. SIRACUASA

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